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# REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION AND AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

This communication is responsive to the Office Action dated April 18, 2005 in the above application. Further examination of the application is respectfully requested after entry of the amendments proposed herein. Applicants respectfully request amendment of the patent application and reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims.

### PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Applicants hereby make petition for extension of time of three months for a response to the Office Action dated April 18, 2005 in the above-referenced application. A shortened

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statutory period of three months was set. In connection with this petition, please find payment in the amount of \$1,020.00 enclosed herewith pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(3).

### REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (37 C.F.R. § 1.114)

Please withdraw finality of rejection and continue examination of the above-referenced Application, as amended herein below, under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.114. In connection with this request, please apply \$790.00 (as required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)) from the enclosed check to pay the applicable fee. If any additional fee is deemed payable (or overpayment creditable) in respect of this communication, please charge or credit such a fee to Deposit Account No. 13-0019.

Amendments to the Specification are found on page 3 of this paper;

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 4 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.

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